

PRELIMINARY REPORT

CHARACTERISTICS OF FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLDS: AUGUST 1980

NOTE: These are preliminary working tables based on a sample of households selected for review in the Food Stamp Quality Control System. A final report describing these data and analyzing trends implied by previous surveys will be prepared in the near future.

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INTRODUCTION

This preliminary report presents the initial findings of a national survey of households participating in the Food Stamp Program in August 1980. These findings are derived from a sample of households selected for review as part of the Food Stamp Quality Control System. The study was designed to support inferences about the national food stamp caseload. (See Appendix C for a technical description of the methodology.)

The tabular presentations in this report include:

- (1) average values and distributions of households for such basic variables as gross income, net income, countable resources, monthly benefits, household size, and length of certification period;
- (2) distributions of households and participants for special program related characteristics such as the utilization of expedited service, the number of elderly and school age children, and income as a percentage of the poverty income guidelines;
- (3) comparisons between households with earned income and no earned income; with elderly and no elderly; and with children, school age children, and no children; and
- (4) limited comparisons between household circumstances in November 1979 and August 1980.

Unless otherwise noted, the reference population for each table is the August 1980 food stamp caseload in the continental United States (48 States and the District of Columbia).

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Table 1

AGGREGATE AUGUST 1980 PARTICIPATION TOTALS

Area	Number of Households (000)	Number of People (000)	Value of Benefits (000)
United States	7,371	20,137	\$689,759
Continental U.S.	7,319	20,001	682,599
Alaska, Hawaii ^{a/}	52	136	7,160
Outlying Areas	517	1,918	71,791
Puerto Rico	503	1,860	68,828
Guam, Virgin Islands ^{a/}	14	58	2,963
Total	7,888	22,055	\$761,550

Source: Food Stamp Bonus Obligation Control System.

^{a/}Not included in target universe of study.

Table 2

AVERAGE VALUES OF SELECTED NATIONAL CASELOAD
CHARACTERISTICS WITH AND WITHOUT PUERTO RICO

	Excluding Puerto Rico	Including Puerto Rico
Gross Monthly Income	\$326	\$321
Net Monthly Income	\$194	\$189
Total Deduction ^{a/}	\$148	\$145
Countable Resources	\$ 66	\$ 64
Monthly Benefit	\$ 89	\$ 93
Household Size	2.8	2.9
Certification Period	7.6	7.5

Source: August 1980 Food Stamp Quality Control sample.

^{a/} Includes earned income, dependent care, excess shelter, medical, and standard deduction (\$75 in the continental United States and \$45 in Puerto Rico). Combined dependent care/excess shelter deduction for households with no member age 60 or more or receiving SSI or Social Security disability payments was limited to \$90 in the continental United States and \$35 in Puerto Rico.

Table 3

NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLDS WITH SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS IN
NATIONAL CASELOAD WITH AND WITHOUT PUERTO RICO

	Excluding Puerto Rico		Including Puerto Rico	
	Number of Households (000)	Percent of All Households	Number of Households (000)	Percent of All Households
Zero Gross Income	596	8.1%	672	8.6%
Zero Net Income	1,213	16.6	1,428	18.3
Minimum Benefit ^{a/}	503	6.9	503	6.4
Elderly ^{b/}	1,653	22.6	1,787	22.8
Children ^{c/}	4,388	59.9	4,712	60.2
School Age Children ^{d/}	3,252	44.4	3,521	45.0

Source: August 1980 Food Stamp Quality Control sample.

^{a/}Minimum benefit is \$10 for one and two person households.

^{b/}Households with at least one member age 60 or more.

^{c/}Households with at least one member age 17 or less.

^{d/}Households with at least one member age 5 to 17.

Table 4

DISTRIBUTION OF PARTICIPATING HOUSEHOLDS BY GROSS AND NET
MONTHLY INCOME

Amount of Monthly Income	Gross Income		Net Income	
	Number of Households (000)	Percent of All Households	Number of Households (000)	Percent of All Households
None	596	8.1%	1,213	16.6%
\$ 1- 99	214	2.9	1,238	16.9
100-199	733	10.0	1,799	24.6
200-299	2,119	28.9	1,296	17.7
300-399	1,411	19.3	849	11.6
400-499	941	12.9	460	6.3
500-599	553	7.6	239	3.3
600-699	379	5.2	99	1.4
700-799	145	2.0	44	0.6
800-899	86	1.2	10	0.1
900-999	54	0.7	1	*
1000 +	26	0.4	7	0.1
Unknown	63	0.9	63	0.9
Total	7,319	100.0	7,319	100.0
Average Income	\$326		\$194	

Source: August 1980 Food Stamp Quality Control sample.

*/Less than 0.05 percent.

Table 5

DISTRIBUTION OF PARTICIPATING HOUSEHOLDS BY GROSS MONTHLY INCOME
AND HOUSEHOLD SIZE

Gross Monthly Income	Household Size								Number of Households (000)	Percent of All Households
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8+		
None	251	111	108	71	31	13	6	6	596	8.1%
\$ 1- 99	87	67	31	13	7	1	1	7	214	2.9
100-199	398	121	98	58	38	13	4	2	733	10.0
200-299	1,201	431	265	123	46	21	9	23	2,119	28.9
300-399	268	506	296	194	85	28	18	16	1,411	19.3
400-499	20	180	300	243	111	52	16	19	941	12.9
500-599	7	65	122	129	130	58	24	18	553	7.6
600-699	0	25	64	84	83	72	25	26	379	5.2
700-799	0	0	28	39	28	13	15	21	145	2.0
800-899	0	0	5	15	29	16	8	13	86	1.2
900-999	0	0	0	3	10	23	6	12	54	0.7
1000 +	0	0	0	0	0	5	11	10	26	0.4
Unknown	19	17	5	7	5	6	2	3	63	0.9
Number of Households	2,251	1,523	1,321	978	603	321	146	175	7,319	100.0
Percent of All Households	30.8	20.8	18.1	13.4	8.2	4.4	2.0	2.4	100.0	
Average Gross Income	\$ 207	289	345	400	466	534	571	575	\$ 326	

Source: August 1980 Food Stamp Quality Control sample.

Table 6

DISTRIBUTION OF PARTICIPATING HOUSEHOLDS BY NET MONTHLY INCOME AND
HOUSEHOLD SIZE

Net Monthly Income	Household Size								Number of Households (000)	Percent of All Households
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8+		
None	627	202	181	119	46	20	10	8	1,213	16.6%
\$ 1- 99	687	253	147	79	37	17	6	13	1,238	16.9
100-199	700	523	292	159	60	30	14	20	1,799	24.6
200-299	211	326	370	216	112	29	14	17	1,296	17.7
300-399	8	186	226	187	142	61	21	19	849	11.6
400-499	0	17	91	150	108	58	16	20	460	6.3
500-599	0	0	7	56	59	54	28	35	239	3.3
600-699	0	0	1	4	32	34	20	8	99	1.4
700-799	0	0	0	2	1	12	6	22	44	0.6
800-899	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	2	10	0.1
900-999	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	*
1000 +	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	7	0.1
Unknown	19	17	5	7	5	6	2	3	63	0.9
Number of Households	2,251	1,523	1,321	978	603	321	146	175	7,319	100.0
Percent of All Households	30.8	20.8	18.1	13.4	8.2	4.4	2.0	2.4	100.0	
Average Net Income	\$ 87	164	205	256	321	381	421	428	\$ 194	

Source: August 1980 Food Stamp Quality Control sample.

*/Less than 0.05 percent.

Table 7

DISTRIBUTION OF PARTICIPATING HOUSEHOLDS BY INCOME SOURCE

Amount of Monthly Income From Specified Source	Earned Income ^{a/}		Social Security & Other Pensions		AFDC or General Assistance		SSI		Other Income	
	Number (000)	Percent	Number (000)	Percent	Number (000)	Percent	Number (000)	Percent	Number (000)	Percent
None	5,901	80.6%	5,413	74.0%	3,801	51.9%	5,926	81.0%	6,703	91.6%
\$ 1- 99	167	2.3	53	0.7	349	4.8	454	6.2	214	2.9
100-199	138	1.9	559	7.6	655	8.9	308	4.2	122	1.7
200-299	172	2.3	672	9.2	888	12.1	498	6.8	86	1.2
300-399	141	1.9	340	4.6	857	11.7	53	0.7	50	0.7
400-499	156	2.1	143	2.0	430	5.9	15	0.2	52	0.7
500-599	219	3.0	60	0.8	186	2.5	2	*	22	0.3
600-699	175	2.4	13	0.2	74	1.0	0	0	3	*
700-799	77	1.1	3	*	11	0.1	0	0	3	*
800-899	54	0.7	0	0	1	*	0	0	0	0
900-999	39	0.5	0	0	4	0.1	0	0	1	*
1000 +	16	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unknown	63	0.9	63	0.9	63	0.9	63	0.9	63	0.9
Number of Households	7,319	100.0	7,319	100.0	7,319	100.0	7,319	100.0	7,319	100.0
Households With Income	1,356	18.5	1,843	25.2	3,455	47.2	1,331	18.2	554	7.6
Average Amount of Income ^{b/}	\$ 430		258		286		156		185	
Average Gross Income ^{b/}	\$ 517		334		351		306		358	

Source: August 1980 Food Stamp Quality Control sample.

^{a/}Earned income includes wages, salaries, training allowances, and self-employment income.^{b/}For households with income from specified source.

*/Less than 0.05 percent.

Table 8

DISTRIBUTION OF PARTICIPATING HOUSEHOLDS BY GROSS MONTHLY
INCOME AS A PERCENTAGE OF THE POVERTY LINE FOR ALL HOUSEHOLDS,
HOUSEHOLDS WITH ELDERLY, AND HOUSEHOLDS WITH CHILDREN

Gross Income As a Percentage of the Poverty Line ^{a/}	All Households		Households With Elderly ^{b/}		Households With Children ^{c/}	
	Number (000)	Percent	Number (000)	Percent	Number (000)	Percent
25% or less	918	12.5%	61	3.7%	516	11.8%
26 - 50%	845	11.5	114	6.9	519	11.8
51 - 75%	2,373	32.4	500	30.2	1,542	35.1
76 - 100%	2,263	30.9	727	44.0	1,259	28.7
101 - 125%	646	8.8	220	13.3	365	8.3
126 - 130%	67	0.9	1	0.1	49	1.1
131 - 150%	109	1.5	18	1.1	74	1.7
151% or more	35	0.5	2	0.1	21	0.5
Unknown	63	0.9	11	0.7	42	1.0
Total	7,319	100.0	1,653	100.0	4,388	100.0

Source: August 1980 Food Stamp Quality Control sample.

^{a/}Defined as the Office of Management and Budget's 1980 poverty income guidelines for nonfarm families in all states except Alaska and Hawaii (see Appendix A).

^{b/}Households with at least one member age 60 or more.

^{c/}Households with at least one member age 17 or less.

Table 9

DISTRIBUTION OF PARTICIPATING HOUSEHOLDS BY NET MONTHLY
INCOME AS A PERCENTAGE OF THE POVERTY LINE FOR ALL HOUSEHOLDS,
HOUSEHOLDS WITH ELDERLY, AND HOUSEHOLDS WITH CHILDREN

Net Income As a Percentage of the Poverty Line ^{a/}	All Households		Households With Elderly ^{b/}		Households With Children ^{c/}	
	Number (000)	Percent	Number (000)	Percent	Number (000)	Percent
25% or less	2,544	34.8%	455	27.6%	1,222	27.8%
26 - 50%	2,289	31.3	486	29.4	1,552	35.4
51 - 75%	1,825	24.9	529	32.0	1,184	27.0
76 - 100%	593	8.1	169	10.2	383	8.7
101 - 125%	5	0.1	3	0.2	5	0.1
126 - 130%	0	0	0	0	0	0
131 - 150%	0	0	0	0	0	0
151% or more	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unknown	63	0.9	11	0.7	42	1.0
Total	7,319	100.0	1,653	100.0	4,388	100.0

Source: August 1980 Food Stamp Quality Control sample.

^{a/} Defined as the Office of Management and Budget's 1980 poverty income guidelines for nonfarm families in all states except Alaska and Hawaii (see Appendix A).

^{b/} Households with at least one member age 60 or more.

^{c/} Households with at least one member age 17 or less.

Table 10

NUMBER OF PARTICIPATING HOUSEHOLDS CLAIMING AND VALUE OF
DEDUCTION CLAIMED

Type of Deduction	Number of Households Claiming Deduction (000)	Percent of All Households	Average Amount of Deduction Over Claiming Households	Average Amount of Deduction Over All Households
Earned Income	1,353	18.5%	\$86	\$16
Dependent Care ^{a/}	187	2.6	71	2
Shelter ^{b/}	4,886	66.8	81	55
Medical ^{c/}	115	1.6	53	1
Total ^{d/}	7,319	100.0	148	148

Source: August 1980 Food Stamp Quality Control sample.

^{a/}Limited by statute to a maximum of \$90 in August 1980.

^{b/}Combined total of dependent care deduction and shelter deduction was limited to \$90 except for households where at least one member was age 60 or more or receiving SSI or Social Security disability payments.

^{c/}Available only to households where at least one person was age 60 or more or receiving SSI or Social Security disability payments.

^{d/}Includes \$75 standard deduction for all households.

Table 10a
Average Total Deduction for All Households By
Gross Monthly Income and Household Size

Gross Monthly Income	Household Size								Average Total Deduction
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8+	
None	\$104	119	135	162	134	217	75	165	124
\$ 1- 99	127	124	205	141	146	75	280	106	139
100-199	152	142	152	150	136	163	199	118	149
200-299	143	131	141	149	130	123	130	106	140
300-399	148	133	138	141	123	182	138	103	138
400-499	195	146	139	144	139	136	153	170	144
500-599	251	208	202	152	147	150	121	141	168
600-699	0	279	241	208	170	132	146	137	186
700-799	0	0	270	237	209	217	146	179	218
800-899	0	0	329	246	246	212	219	152	228
900-999	0	0	0	348	290	268	215	218	260
1000 +	0	0	0	0	0	315	248	308	284
Average Total Deduction	141	139	156	159	153	165	156	154	\$148 ^{a/}

Source: August 1980 Food Stamp Quality Control sample.

^{a/}Total deduction includes earned income, dependent care, excess shelter, medical and \$75 standard deduction.

Table 11

DISTRIBUTION OF PARTICIPATING HOUSEHOLDS BY AMOUNT OF
MONTHLY FOOD STAMP BENEFIT

Amount of Monthly Benefit	Number of Households (000)	Percent of All Households
\$ 10 or less	503	6.9%
11 - 25	512	7.0
26 - 50	1,100	15.0
51 - 75	1,725	23.6
76 - 100	839	11.5
101 - 150	1,345	18.4
151 - 200	729	10.0
201 - 300	428	5.9
301 or more	74	1.0
Unknown	63	0.9
Total	7,319	100.0
Average Benefit	\$ 89	

Source: August 1980 Food Stamp Quality Control sample.

Table 11a

Average Monthly Food Stamp Benefits By Gross Monthly
Income and Household Size

Gross Monthly Income	Household Size								Average Benefit Per Household
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8+	
None	\$63	115	165	209	248	298	329	504	130
\$ 1- 99	63	114	164	208	248	298	329	403	122
100-199	57	101	157	201	235	287	329	456	105
200-299	32	81	129	176	213	262	296	424	74
300-399	18	52	101	147	177	247	263	361	86
400-499	10	28	77	116	155	201	237	302	99
500-599	10	19	62	93	127	180	200	282	104
600-699	0	12	45	77	106	143	177	264	106
700-799	0	0	24	54	89	139	150	221	72
800-899	0	0	17	38	65	107	140	233	98
900-999	0	0	0	39	54	101	112	225	117
1000 +	0	0	0	0	0	83	79	169	114
Average Benefit Per Household	39	67	108	130	151	181	199	296	\$89 ^{a/}

Source: August 1980 Food Stamp Quality Control sample.

^{a/}Entries in this table have been adjusted to reconcile household size with the value of the food stamp allotment. The weighted average bonus computed from the adjusted values is \$93.

Table 12

DISTRIBUTION OF PARTICIPATING HOUSEHOLDS BY TOTAL COUNTABLE RESOURCES
FOR ALL HOUSEHOLDS AND HOUSEHOLDS WITH ELDERLY

Value of Countable Resources ^{a/}	All Households		Households with Elderly ^{b/}	
	Number (000)	Percent	Number (000)	Percent
None	5,485	74.9%	1,074	65.0%
\$ 1 - 500	1,474	20.1	403	24.4
501 - 1,000	162	2.2	82	5.0
1,001 - 1,500	90	1.2	59	3.6
1,501 - 1,750	32	0.4	16	1.0
1,751 - 2,000	1	*	1	0.1
2,001 - 3,000	10	0.1	5	0.3
3,001 or more	1	*	1	0.1
Unknown	63	0.9	11	0.7
Total	7,319	100.0	1,653	100.0
Average Value	\$ 66		\$ 152	

Source: August 1980 Food Stamp Quality Control sample.

^{a/} Statutory requirements in effect in August 1980 included as "countable" resources all types of assets except (1) equity in a home and (2) certain specified resources that cannot be readily liquidated or that are needed for employment or self-employment. At the time these data were collected, the resource limit for most households was \$1,750. Households of two or more, at least one of whom was age 60 or older, were allowed up to \$3,000.

^{b/} Households with at least one person age 60 or more.

^{*} Less than 0.05 percent.

Table 13

COMPARISON OF HOUSEHOLDS WITH AND WITHOUT
EXPEDITED SERVICE BY PRESENCE OF GROSS AND
NET MONTHLY INCOME

	Households With Expedited Service ^{a/}		Households Without Expedited Service		Unknown	
	Number (000)	Percent	Number (000)	Percent	Number (000)	Percent
Gross Income = 0	210	48.9%	376	5.5%	10	12.2%
Gross Income > 0	220	51.1	6,432	94.5	8	9.9
Unknown	0	0	0	0	63	77.9
Net Income = 0	271	63.1%	932	13.7%	10	12.2%
Net Income > 0	159	36.9	5,877	86.3	8	9.9
Unknown	0	0	0	0	63	77.9
Total	430	100.0	6,808	100.0	81	100.0

Source: August 1980 Food Stamp Quality Control sample.

^{a/}Households which initially received expedited service for the certification period in effect in August 1980.

Table 14

DISTRIBUTION OF PARTICIPATING HOUSEHOLDS BY LENGTH OF
CERTIFICATION PERIOD

Months in Certification Period	Number of Households (000)	Percent of All Households
1	249	3.4%
2	349	4.8
3	763	10.4
4	330	4.5
5	233	3.2
6	1,768	24.1
7	579	7.9
8	234	3.2
9	120	1.6
10	69	0.9
11	105	1.4
12+	2,423	33.1
Unknown	97	1.3
Total	7,319	100.0
Average Length	7.6	

Source: August 1980 Food Stamp Quality Control sample.

Table 15

DISTRIBUTION OF PARTICIPATING HOUSEHOLDS BY
HOUSEHOLD SIZE

Household Size	Number of Households (000)	Percent of All Households
1	2,251	30.8%
2	1,523	20.8
3	1,321	18.1
4	978	13.4
5	603	8.2
6	321	4.4
7	146	2.0
8+	175	2.4
Total	7,319	100.0
Average Size	2.8	

Source: August 1980 Food Stamp Quality Control sample.

Table 16

AGE RELATED CHARACTERISTICS OF PARTICIPATING HOUSEHOLDS

	Number of Households (000)	Percent of All Households
Households with Elderly ^{a/}	1,653	22.6%
Single person elderly households ^{b/}	1,115	15.2
Other elderly households ^{c/}	539	7.4
Households with No Elderly	5,667	77.4
Households with Children ^{d/}	4,388	59.9
Households with School Age Children ^{e/}	3,252	44.4
Households with No Children	2,932	40.1

Source: August 1980 Food Stamp Quality Control sample.

^{a/}Households with at least one member age 60 or more.

^{b/}Includes elderly single persons living alone or as a separate food stamp unit in a larger household.

^{c/}Includes elderly couples and other multiperson households with elderly members.

^{d/}Households with at least one member age 17 or less.

^{e/}Households with at least one member age 5 to 17.

Table 17

DISTRIBUTION OF PARTICIPATING HOUSEHOLDS BY
HOUSEHOLD SIZE, NUMBER OF ELDERLY, NUMBER OF
CHILDREN, AND NUMBER OF SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN

	Household Size								Number of Households (000)
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8+	
Number of Elderly^{a/}									
0	1,136	1,159	1,245	936	590	301	136	164	5,667
1	1,115	167	57	41	9	15	10	11	1,427
2	0	197	20	1	3	5	0	0	226
Number of Children^{b/}									
0	2,219	531	107	42	19	2	1	10	2,932
1	32	969	335	50	9	3	3	8	1,410
2	0	23	872	464	59	15	1	3	1,437
3	0	0	7	422	272	47	13	6	767
4	0	0	0	0	242	170	20	14	447
5+	0	0	0	0	2	83	107	134	327
Number of School Age Children^{c/}									
0	2,226	1,067	461	229	53	8	3	21	4,068
1	25	446	467	210	101	30	6	5	1,289
2	0	11	393	334	172	47	17	10	984
3	0	0	0	206	171	95	30	14	516
4	0	0	0	0	103	99	36	27	265
5+	0	0	0	0	2	42	55	98	197
Total	2,251	1,523	1,321	978	603	321	146	175	7,319

Source: August 1980 Food Stamp Quality Control sample.

^{a/}Persons age 60 or more.

^{b/}Persons age 17 or less.

^{c/}Persons age 5 to 17.

Table 18
DISTRIBUTION OF PARTICIPANTS BY AGE

Age	Number of Persons (000)	Percent of All Persons
4 or less	3,288	15.9%
5 - 17	6,959	33.6
18 - 35	5,125	24.8
36 - 59	2,631	12.7
60 or more	1,879	9.1
Unknown	800	3.9
Total	20,683	100.0

Source: August 1980 Food Stamp Quality Control sample.

Table 19

AGE RELATED CHARACTERISTICS OF PARTICIPANTS

	Number of Participants (000)	Percent of All Participants
A. <u>Children</u> ^{a/}	<u>10,247</u>	<u>49.5</u>
1. Preschool children	3,288	15.9
2. School age children	6,959	33.6
B. <u>Adults</u> ^{b/}	<u>7,757</u>	<u>37.5</u>
1. <u>Parents</u>	5,951	28.8
a. <u>Single parents</u>	2,736	13.2
Living with elderly	76	0.4
Disabled	87	0.4
Other	2,574	12.4
b. <u>Multiple parents</u>	3,215	15.5
Living with elderly	69	0.3
Disabled	69	0.3
Living with disabled	100	0.5
Other	2,976	14.4
2. <u>Non Parents</u>	1,736	8.4
a. <u>Single adults</u>	1,266	6.1
Living with elderly	147	0.7
Disabled	237	1.1
Other	882	4.3
b. <u>Multiple adults</u>	470	2.3
Living with elderly	57	0.3
Disabled	21	0.1
Living with disabled	22	0.1
Other	370	1.8
3. <u>Unknown</u>	70	0.3
C. <u>Elderly</u> ^{c/}	<u>1,879</u>	<u>9.1</u>
D. <u>Age Unknown</u>	<u>800</u>	<u>3.9</u>
Total	20,683	100.0

Source: August 1980 Food Stamp Quality Control sample.

^{a/}Persons age 17 or less.

^{b/}Persons age 18 to 59.

^{c/}Persons age 60 or more.

Table 20

DISTRIBUTION OF PARTICIPATING HOUSEHOLDS BY
SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS OF HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS

Households with at Least One:	Number of Households (000)	Percent of All Households
Alien	350	4.8%
Migrant	14	0.2
Striker	28	0.4
Student ^{a/}	132	1.8

Source: August 1980 Food Stamp Quality Control sample.

^{a/}Household members 18 years of age or older enrolled at least half-time in an institution of higher education.

Note: To the extent that households with these characteristics are concentrated in particular States, the sample design used in this study may bias these estimates. The extent of any such bias will be examined in the final report.

Table 21

DISTRIBUTION OF PARTICIPATING HOUSEHOLDS BY EMPLOYMENT
STATUS OF HOUSEHOLD HEAD

Employment Status of Household Head	Number of Households (000)	Percent of All Households
Employed Full Time ^{a/}	745	10.2%
Employed Part Time ^{b/}	350	4.8
Not Employed	6,046	82.6
Unknown	177	2.4
Total	7,319	100.0

Source: August 1980 Food Stamp Quality Control sample.

^{a/}Employed at least 30 hours per week.

^{b/}Employed less than 30 hours per week.

Table 22

DISTRIBUTION OF HOUSEHOLDS AND BENEFITS
FOR HOUSEHOLDS WITH AND WITHOUT EARNED INCOME

	Households		Benefits	
	Number (000)	Percent	Value (000)	Percent
Household with Earned Income ^{a/}	1,356	18.5%	\$133,175	20.4%
Households with No Earned Income	5,901	80.6	519,270	79.5
Unknown	63	0.9	358	0.1
Total	7,319	100.0	652,803	100.0

Source: August 1980 Food Stamp Quality Control sample.

^{a/}Earned income includes wages, salaries, training allowances, and self-employment income.

Table 23

AVERAGE VALUE OF SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS FOR
HOUSEHOLDS WITH AND WITHOUT EARNED INCOME^{a/}

	Households With Earned Income ^{b/}	Households With No Earned Income
Gross Monthly Income	\$517	\$283
Net Monthly Income	\$310	\$167
Total Deduction ^{c/}	\$215	\$133
Countable Resources	\$ 73	\$ 65
Monthly Benefit	\$ 98	\$ 88
Household Size	3.7	2.6
Certification Period	5.4	8.0

Source: August 1980 Food Stamp Quality Control sample.

^{a/} Excludes households where presence of earned income is not known.

^{b/} Earned income includes wages, salaries, training allowances, and self-employment income.

^{c/} Includes earned income, dependent care, excess shelter, medical, and \$75 standard deduction.

Table 24

NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLDS WITH AND WITHOUT
EARNED INCOME FOR SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS^{a/}

Households with:	Households with Earned Income ^{b/}		Households with No Earned Income	
	Number (000)	Percent	Number (000)	Percent
Zero Gross Income	0	0%	596	10.1%
Zero Net Income	133	9.8	1,079	18.3
Minimum Benefit ^{c/}	72	5.3	431	7.3
Elderly ^{d/}	122	9.0	1,520	27.8
Children ^{e/}	1,065	78.5	3,281	55.6
School Age Children ^{f/}	861	63.5	2,364	40.1

Source: August 1980 Food Stamp Quality Control sample.

^{a/} Excludes households where presence of earned income is not known.

^{b/} Earned income includes wages, salaries, training allowances, and self-employment income.

^{c/} Minimum benefit is \$10 for one and two person households.

^{d/} Households with at least one member age 60 or more.

^{e/} Households with at least one member age 17 or less.

^{f/} Households with at least one member age 5 to 17.

Table 25

COMPARISON OF DISTRIBUTION OF PARTICIPATING HOUSEHOLDS ON
SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS FOR HOUSEHOLDS WITH AND WITHOUT
EARNED INCOME^{a/}

	Households with Earned Income ^{b/}		Households with No Earned Income	
	Number (000)	Percent	Number (000)	Percent
Household Size				
1 - 2	381	28.1%	3,358	56.9%
3 - 4	579	42.7	1,708	29.0
5+	395	29.2	834	14.2
Gross Income				
None	0	0	596	10.1
\$ 1 - 99	63	4.6	151	2.6
100 - 199	77	5.7	656	11.1
200 - 299	114	8.4	2,005	34.0
300 - 399	140	10.3	1,271	21.5
400 - 499	228	16.8	713	12.1
500+	735	54.2	508	8.6
Net Income				
None	133	9.8	1,079	18.3
\$ 1 - 99	114	8.4	1,124	19.0
100 - 199	155	11.4	1,644	27.9
200 - 299	256	18.8	1,040	17.6
300 - 399	281	20.7	568	9.6
400 - 499	194	14.3	267	4.5
500+	223	16.5	178	3.0
Benefits				
\$ 10 or less	72	5.3	431	7.3
11 - 50	266	19.6	1,346	22.8
51 - 100	465	34.3	2,099	35.6
101 - 200	428	31.6	1,646	27.9
201 - 300	104	7.7	324	5.5
301+	20	1.5	54	0.9
Total	1,356	100.0	5,901	100.0

Source: August 1980 Food Stamp Quality Control sample.

^{a/}Excludes households where presence of earned income is not known.

^{b/}Earned income includes wages, salaries, training allowances, and self-employment income.

Table 26

DISTRIBUTION OF HOUSEHOLDS AND BENEFITS FOR
HOUSEHOLDS WITH ELDERLY AND NO ELDERLY

	Households		Benefits	
	Number (000)	Percent	Value (000)	Percent
Households with Elderly ^{a/}	1,653	22.6%	\$70,956	10.9%
Households with No Elderly	5,667	77.4	581,847	89.1
Total	7,319	100.0	652,803	100.0

Source: August 1980 Food Stamp Quality Control sample.

^{a/}Households with at least one member age 60 or more.

Table 27

AVERAGE VALUES OF SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS FOR
HOUSEHOLDS WITH ELDERLY AND NO ELDERLY

	Households with Elderly ^{a/}	Households with No Elderly
Gross Monthly Income	\$288	\$338
Net Monthly Income	\$160	\$204
Total Deduction ^{b/}	\$136	\$152
Countable Resources ^{c/}	\$152	\$ 41
Monthly Benefit	\$ 43	\$103
Household Size	1.6	3.2
Certification Period	10.1	6.8

Source: August 1980 Food Stamp Quality Control sample.

^{a/}Households with at least one member age 60 or more.

^{b/}Includes earned income, dependent care, excess shelter, medical, and \$75 standard deduction.

^{c/}At the time these data were collected, the resource limit for most households was \$1,750. Households of two or more, at least one of whom was age 60 or older, were allowed up to \$3,000.

Table 28

NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLDS WITH ELDERLY AND
NO ELDERLY FOR SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS

Households with:	Households with Elderly ^{b/}		Households with No Elderly	
	Number (000)	Percent	Number (000)	Percent
Zero Gross Income	42	2.6%	554	9.8%
Zero Net Income	213	12.9	1,000	17.6
Minimum Benefit ^{a/}	341	20.6	162	2.9
Children ^{c/}	158	9.6	4,230	74.4
School Age Children ^{d/}	150	9.1	3,102	54.7

Source: August 1980 Food Stamp Quality Control sample.

^{a/}Minimum benefit is \$10 for one and two person households.

^{b/}Households with at least one member age 60 or more.

^{c/}Households with at least one member age 17 or less.

^{d/}Households with at least one member age 5 to 17.

Table 29

COMPARISON OF DISTRIBUTION OF PARTICIPATING HOUSEHOLDS ON
SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS FOR HOUSEHOLDS WITH ELDERLY
AND NO ELDERLY

	Households with Elderly ^{a/}		Households with No Elderly	
	Number (000)	Percent	Number (000)	Percent
Household Size				
1 - 2	1,479	89.5%	2,295	40.5%
3 - 4	119	7.2	2,180	38.5
5+	54	3.3	1,191	21.0
Gross Income				
None	42	2.6	554	9.8
\$ 1 - 99	20	1.2	194	3.4
100 - 199	131	7.9	602	10.6
200 - 299	869	52.6	1,250	22.1
300 - 399	358	21.7	1,053	18.6
400 - 499	147	8.9	794	14.0
500+	75	4.6	1,167	20.6
Unknown	11	0.7	52	0.9
Net Income				
None	213	12.9	1,000	17.6
\$ 1 - 99	312	18.9	925	16.3
100 - 199	598	36.2	1,201	21.2
200 - 299	310	18.7	986	17.4
300 - 399	157	9.5	692	12.2
400 - 499	28	1.7	433	7.6
500+	24	1.4	377	6.7
Unknown	11	0.7	52	0.9
Benefits				
\$ 10 or less	341	20.6	162	2.9
11 - 50	801	48.5	810	14.3
51 - 100	385	23.3	2,179	38.4
101 - 200	85	5.1	1,990	35.1
201 - 301	24	1.5	404	7.1
301+	5	0.3	70	1.2
Unknown	11	0.7	52	0.9
Total	1,653	100.0	5,667	100.0

Source: August 1980 Food Stamp Quality Control sample.

^{a/}Households with at least one member age 60 or more.

Table 30

DISTRIBUTION OF HOUSEHOLDS AND BENEFITS FOR
HOUSEHOLDS WITH CHILDREN, SCHOOL AGE
CHILDREN, AND NO CHILDREN

	Households		Benefits	
	Number (000)	Percent	Value (000)	Percent
Households with Children ^{a/}	4,388	59.9%	\$519,092	79.5%
Households with School Age Children ^{b/}	3,252	44.6	414,316	63.5
Households with No Children	2,932	40.1	133,711	20.5
Total	7,319	100.0	652,803	100.0

Source: August 1980 Food Stamp Quality Control sample.

^{a/}Households with at least one member age 17 or less.

^{b/}Households with at least one member age 5 to 17.

Table 31

AVERAGE VALUES OF SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS FOR
HOUSEHOLDS WITH CHILDREN, SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN, AND
NO CHILDREN

	Households with Children ^{a/}	Households with School Age Children ^{b/}	Households with No Children
Gross Monthly Income	\$387	\$412	\$236
Net Monthly Income	\$246	\$269	\$115
Total Deduction ^{c/}	\$154	\$155	\$141
Countable Resources	\$ 41	\$ 45	\$104
Monthly Benefit	\$118	\$127	\$ 46
Household Size	3.8	4.2	1.4
Certification Period	6.9	6.9	8.6

Source: August 1980 Food Stamp Quality Control sample.

^{a/}Households with at least one member age 17 or less.

^{b/}Households with at least one member age 5 to 17.

^{c/}Includes earned income, dependent care, excess shelter, medical, and \$75 standard deduction.

Table 32

NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLDS WITH CHILDREN, SCHOOL AGE
CHILDREN, AND NO CHILDREN FOR SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS

Households with:	Households with Children ^{c/}		Households with School Children ^{d/}		Households with No Children	
	Number (000)	Percent	Number (000)	Percent	Number (000)	Percent
Zero Gross Income	283	6.4%	198	6.1%	314	10.7%
Zero Net Income	473	10.8	337	10.4	740	25.2
Minimum Benefit ^{a/}	41	0.9	25	0.8	462	15.7
Elderly ^{b/}	158	3.6	150	4.6	1,495	51.0
School Age Children ^{d/}	3,252	74.1	3,252	100.0	0	0

Source: August 1980 Food Stamp Quality Control sample.

^{a/} Minimum benefit is \$10 for one and two person households.

^{b/} Households with at least one member age 60 or more.

^{c/} Households with at least one member 17 or less.

^{d/} Households with at least one member age 5 to 17.

Table 33

COMPARISON OF DISTRIBUTION OF PARTICIPATING HOUSEHOLDS ON SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS
FOR HOUSEHOLDS WITH CHILDREN, SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN, AND NO CHILDREN

	Households with Children		Households with School Age Children		Households with No Children	
	Number (000)	Percent	Number (000)	Percent	Number (000)	Percent
Household Size						
1 - 2	1,025	23.3%	481	14.8%	2,750	93.8%
3 - 4	2,150	49.0	1,610	49.5	149	5.1
5+	1,213	27.6	1,160	35.7	32	1.1
Gross Income						
None	283	6.4	198	6.1	314	10.7
\$ 1 - 99	109	2.5	64	2.0	106	3.6
100 - 199	289	6.6	186	5.7	444	15.2
200 - 299	804	18.3	518	15.9	1,315	44.9
300 - 399	935	21.3	619	19.0	475	16.2
400 - 499	763	17.4	624	19.2	178	6.1
500+	1,164	26.5	1,017	31.3	78	2.7
Unknown	42	1.0	27	0.8	22	0.7
Net Income						
None	473	10.8	337	10.4	740	25.2
\$ 1 - 99	508	11.6	317	9.8	730	24.9
100 - 199	959	21.9	595	18.3	840	28.6
200 - 299	885	20.2	654	20.1	411	14.0
300 - 399	688	15.7	566	17.4	161	5.5
400 - 499	441	10.1	388	11.9	20	0.7
500+	392	8.9	367	11.3	9	0.3
Unknown	42	1.0	27	0.8	22	0.7
Benefits						
\$ 10 or less	41	0.9	25	0.8	462	15.7
11 - 50	390	8.9	257	7.9	1,222	41.7
51 - 100	1,516	34.6	971	29.9	1,048	35.7
101 - 200	1,906	43.4	1,521	46.8	168	5.7
201 - 300	420	9.6	379	11.6	8	0.3
301+	72	1.6	72	2.2	2	0.1
Unknown	42	1.0	27	0.8	22	0.7
Total	4,388	100.0	3,252	100.0	2,932	100.0

Source: August 1980 Food Stamp Quality Control sample.

Table 34

COMPARISON OF AVERAGE VALUES OF SELECTED
CHARACTERISTICS FOR AUGUST 1980 AND NOVEMBER 1979

	November 1979	August 1980
Gross Monthly Income	\$314	\$326
Net Monthly Income	\$196	\$194
Total Deduction	\$132 ^{b/}	\$148 ^{a/}
Countable Resources	\$ 65	\$ 66
Monthly Benefit	\$ 82	\$ 89
Household Size	2.7	2.8

Sources: August 1980 Food Stamp Quality Control sample.
November 1979 Survey of Food Stamp Household Characteristics.

^{a/}Includes earned income, dependent care, excess shelter, medical, and \$75 standard deduction.

^{b/}Includes earned income, dependent care, excess shelter, and \$70 standard deduction.

Table 35

COMPARISON OF PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLDS WITH
SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS FOR AUGUST 1980 AND
NOVEMBER 1979

Households with:	Percent of all Households	
	November 1979	August 1980
Zero Gross Income	6.9%	8.1%
Zero Net Income	12.6	16.6
Minimum Benefit	7.8	6.9
Elderly ^{a/}	24.2	22.6
Children ^{b/}	51.4	59.9
School Age Children ^{c/}	38.5	44.4

Source: August 1980 Food Stamp Quality Control sample.
November 1979 Survey of Food Stamp Household Characteristics.

^{a/}Households with at least one member age 60 or more.

^{b/}In November 1979, households of three or more, at least one of whom is age 17 or less. In August 1980, households with at least one member age 17 or less.

^{c/}In November 1979, households of three or more, at least one of whom is age 5 to 17. In August 1980, households with at least one member age 5 to 17.

APPENDICES

Appendix A

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET POVERTY INCOME GUIDELINES AND MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE NET MONTHLY FOOD STAMP INCOME STANDARDS IN AUGUST 1980

Household Size	Poverty Income Guidelines ^{a/}	Maximum Allowable Net Monthly Food Stamp Income Standards ^{b/}
1	\$3,790	\$316
2	5,010	418
3	6,230	520
4	7,450	621
5	8,670	723
6	9,890	825
7	11,110	926
8 ^{c/}	12,330	1,028

Source: Program records, Food and Nutrition Service.

^{a/} Annual income for nonfarm families in all states except Alaska and Hawaii.

^{b/} The food stamp income standards are equal to the poverty income guidelines divided by 12, rounded up to the nearest dollar.

^{c/} For households with more than eight members, add \$1,220 to the poverty income guidelines and \$102 to the maximum allowable net monthly food stamp income standards for each additional person.

Appendix B

VALUE OF MAXIMUM COUPON ALLOTMENT (THRIFTY FOOD PLAN) IN CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES AND PUERTO RICO IN AUGUST 1980

Household Size	Continental United States ^{a/}	Puerto Rico
1	\$ 63	\$ 60
2	115	111
3	165	158
4	209	201
5	248	239
6	298	286
7	329	317
8 ^{b/}	376	362

Source: Program records, Food and Nutrition Service.

^{a/}Excludes Alaska and Hawaii.

^{b/}For households with more than eight members, add \$47 in the continental United States and \$45 in Puerto Rico for each additional person.

Appendix C
SOURCE AND RELIABILITY OF ESTIMATES

The summary tables are derived from a sample of households selected for review as part of the Food Stamp Quality Control (QC) System. This system is an ongoing review of food stamp household circumstances to determine (1) if households are eligible for participation and receiving the correct coupon allotment or (2) if household participation is correctly denied or terminated. The system is based on a national probability sample of approximately 45,000 participating food stamp households and a somewhat smaller number of denials and terminations every six months. The national QC sample of participating households is stratified by the 50 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands, with required semiannual State samples ranging from a minimum of 150 to a maximum of 1200 households. State samples select an independent sample each

Sample Selection

States in the continental United States were stratified by the number of participants in June 1980 as shown below:

<u>Stratum</u>	<u>Number of States</u>	<u>Proportion of Total Caseload</u>	<u>Number Selected</u>	<u>Number of States Included in Preliminary Tabulations</u>
I	9	55%	9	8
II	16	31%	10	9
III	<u>24</u>	<u>14%</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>
	49	100%	29	27

Each of the nine largest States (Stratum I) was selected with certainty. ^{2/} Ten States were selected with equal probability from both Stratum II and Stratum III. Within each State, the sample consisted of all completed active QC reviews from the August 1980 sample month (i.e., households which participated in the Food Stamp Program during August 1980 and for whom QC reviews were completed). This procedure produced 4,329 observations from the target universe. Of these, 189 observations in Georgia contain only partial information and have been excluded. The tabulations in this report are based on a total of 4,140 valid observations. ^{3/}

Weighting

The sample findings have been weighted up to the number of participating households in the continental United States in August 1980 as reported on Form FNS-256 in the Food Stamp Bonus Obligation Control System (Report date: 3/19/81). The case record weights in Illinois, Wisconsin, Colorado, and Oregon were adjusted to reflect the disproportionate integrated QC sample designs in those States. The case record weights for all cases in Strata I and II were adjusted to reflect the absence of Pennsylvania and Georgia, respectively. (This adjustment is equivalent to assuming that the characteristics of households in Pennsylvania are identical to the average values in the other eight States in Stratum I and that the characteristics of households in Georgia are identical to the average values in the other nine States in Stratum II.)

PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT OF RELIABILITY

Comparison to Participation Data

The following table presents a comparison of the preliminary estimates to aggregate program participation data (excluding Puerto Rico, Alaska, Hawaii, Guam, and the Virgin Islands) in the Food Stamp Bonus Obligation Control System for August 1980 (Report date: 3/19/81):

^{2/} One of these States, Pennsylvania, did not complete any active QC reviews for August 1980. The sample findings are adjusted to account for its absence. Puerto Rico was also selected with certainty but not included with the other large States in Stratum I.

^{3/} An additional 213 observations are available from Puerto Rico.

	<u>Control Total</u>	<u>Estimate</u>
Number of Households <u>4/</u>	7,319,334	7,319,504
Number of People	20,001,026	20,683,219
Value of Benefits	\$682,599,477	\$652,802,988
Average Household Size	2.73	2.83
Average Bonus Per Person	\$34.12	\$31.49

Completion Rates

Failure to complete reviews for all cases selected subject to review can bias the sample results if the characteristics of unreviewed households are significantly different from those of reviewed households. While there are no direct measures of such differences, the QC review completion rate provides an indication of the magnitude of any potential bias. The expected number of cases subject to review in the August 1980 sample (equal to one-sixth of all cases reported as subject to review during April-September 1980), the number of valid observations, and the estimated completion rate are shown below. 5/

	<u>Number of Cases Selected Subject to Review</u>	<u>Number of Cases Completed</u>	<u>Estimated Completion Rate</u>
Including Pennsylvania	5,166	4,140	80.1%
Excluding Pennsylvania	4,948	4,140	83.7%

Completion rates are generally higher in the Southeast, Southwest, and Midwest regions.

4/ This estimate was constrained by an adjustment to the sample weights.

5/ The comparable rate for Puerto Rico is 94.7 percent.

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I. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION		
A. STATE AND LOCAL AGENCY FIPS CODE	B. QC REVIEW NUMBER	C. SAMPLE MONTH AND YEAR
BLANK	BLANK	BLANK
D. SAMPLE FRAME		
BLANK		

E. DISPOSITION OF CASE REVIEW

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II. CASE RECORD INFORMATION

F. MOST RECENT ACTION

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G. REASON FOR DENIAL OR TERMINATION

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H. RECEIVED EXPEDITED SERVICE:

1. YES
2. NO

I. NUMBER OF MONTHS IN CERTIFICATION PERIOD

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J. CERTIFIED HOUSEHOLD SIZE

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K. SPECIFIC HOUSEHOLD MEMBER CLASSIFICATION

(a) ALIEN

☐

(b) MIGRANT

☐

(c) STRIKER

☐

(d) STUDENT

☐

L. EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD AND SPOUSE

HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD:

1. NOT EMPLOYED 3. EMPLOYED PART-TIME
2. EMPLOYED FULL-TIME

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SPOUSE:

1. NOT EMPLOYED 3. EMPLOYED PART-TIME
2. EMPLOYED FULL-TIME 4. NOT IN HOME

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M. MONTHLY INCOME

EARNED INCOME

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RSDI/PENSIONS/
OTHER BENEFITS

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PA OR GA

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TOTAL OTHER INCOME

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TOTAL GROSS INCOME

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NET INCOME

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N. RESOURCE AMOUNT

LIQUID RESOURCES

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REAL PROPERTY
(Exclude home and lot)

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NON-EXCLUDED VEHICLES
(Fair market value over \$4,500)

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NON-EXCLUDED VEHICLES
(Equity value)

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OTHER NONLIQUID
RESOURCES

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TOTAL RESOURCES

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O. DEDUCTION INFORMATION

EARNED INCOME
DEDUCTION

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DEPENDENT CARE
DEDUCTION

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MEDICAL
DEDUCTION

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ALLOWED SHELTER
DEDUCTION

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P. COUPON ALLOTMENT RECEIVED

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